

Rakhine Shelter Cluster Coordination Meeting

Minutes

- Venue:** Office of the State Minister of Transport and Communication
- Date:** Friday 20th September 2013
- Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 11:10 am
- Minutes:** Zaw Min Htet, UNHCR
- Participants:** Relocation and Rehabilitation Sub Committee (RRSC), UNHCR, UNICEF, Danish Refugee Committee (DRC), Malteser International, Solidarites International (SI), World Health Organization (WHO), OCHA, MRCS, OXFAM, CDN

General Updates

- Executive engineer from Department of Rural Development is attending training in Mandalay on how to build the modular houses donated by China. The plan is for him to give similar training to other Government staff/department in Sittwe.
- Relocation process almost finished in most of the camps. However, construction of latrines and water points are lagging behind in some camps. Therefore, relocation could not be organized in those camps.
- The numbers of individuals/families showing up in the camps are increasing. More shelters may be needed if they are found to be legitimate IDPs.
- Mr. Richard, Shelter Cluster Coordinator is away from Sittwe. He is on mission to Mon and Kayin States for shelter needs assessment.
- Mr. Mark Brooking, Shelter Expert finished his assignment in Myanmar last Wednesday, 18 September 2013.
- Final inspection of UNHCR Phase-III Shelters (564 nos) was completed. 362 shelters were under UNHCR direct implementation and 202 shelters were under DRC implementation. During the inspection, contractors were instructed to rectify some noticed defects.
- Some portions of walkways in Nget Chaung and Anauk Ywe were damaged due to the removal of floor joists, beams, posts and handrails. These materials are being used as firewood, shelter extensions, shops, livestock area, etc.
- UNHCR is finalizing the shelter handover documents. Senior Field Coordinator in Sittwe Field Office will sign the handover documents to complement signature from the Government Minister.
- UNHCR is updating the site plans based on the newly structured camp set-ups/names made by Government.
- WFP needs 2 to 3 warehouses for food distribution at Set Yoe Kya. Minister requested Land Records Department (LRD) representative to find available land for the proposed warehouses.
- Per feedback from WFP and CMAs, warehouse facility is not a top priority for rural camps in Sittwe.
- UNHCR informed that Shelter Tool Kits will be piloted for distribution in Myebon camps (18 kits) and Kyein Ni Pyin camp (12 kits).

- UNHCR currently evaluating the received quotations from contractors for the construction of CCCM Notice Boards in the camps and renovation of wooden jetty in Sittwe and Min Chaung.
- UNHCR shared that UNOPS will resubmit corrected letter to the Rakhine State Government (RSG) regarding mobilization of funding from donors for the proposed road project.
- UNHCR, through implementing partner BAJ, has completed the remaining (142) individual houses in Maungdaw.
- Government constructed 53 temporary shelters for about 2,000 IDPs in Chein Khar Li village (24) and Koe Tan Kauk village (29) in Maungdaw South have no proper latrines or other WaSH facilities. Coordinated to UNICEF but no operational coverage in those villages.
- UNHCR shared that additional 5 individual houses will be constructed in Ward 4 Maungdaw Downtown for 5 families (4 Hindu and 1 Rakhine).

Sittwe Update

- Shelter construction in Sittwe and other affected townships is nearing completion.
- RSG planned to construct camp management offices, primary schools, security offices, and clinics in Sittwe rural camps. Some objections received from camp community resulting to delays in the construction. During the joint assessment by LRD, General Administration Department (GAD), Security Forces, UN Agencies and NGOs, there was no problem. However, when construction companies (contracted by RSG) started to work, they faced objections and difficulties.
- In Baw Du Ba camp, there is a vacant space between grave yard and ACF centre. Government contractors want to start construction of camp facilities but cannot due to the objection from the community (want the space for playground).
- UNHCR suggested keeping the camp management and security offices away from child/women friendly spaces and other similar facilities so that children and women will not be afraid or intimidated. The Minister took note of the recommendation.
- UNHCR and DRC acknowledged that the location of security posts in Kyein Ni Pyin camp and A Nauk Ywe camps are far away from shelters and other communal buildings.
- The Minister shared some locations of camp management offices and security offices:
Ohn Taw Shay camp – at the entrance
Baw Du Ba camp – at the vacant area between grave yard and ACF centre
Say Tha Mar Gyi camp – at the back of shelters
Dar Paing camp – far from shelters and other communal buildings
- The Minister explained that those structures were not security posts but just for managing the camps to keep peace and order. The Minister suggested it will be better if GAD and Security Officials could go to the camps to explain IDPs about the plans of those structures.

Pauktaw Update & Myebon Update

- DRC submitted handover documents of shelter, walkways and kitchens to the Minister.
- Out of 22 additional temporary shelters for construction in Kyein Ni Pyin, RSG already gave advance payment to the contractor for their share of 9 shelters (expecting to finish in two weeks). The Minister is following up with UNHCR regarding their share of 13 shelters.

- In Pauktaw and on top of the 22 additional shelters for construction, the Township Administrator informed the RSG that 30 more additional shelters will be needed: 15 in Ah Nauk Ywe camp, 5 in Sin Tet Maw camp and 10 in Kyein Ni Pyin camp.
- UNHCR concerned about the reliability of the reported increase of shelter needs in the camps. The Minister confirmed that need for Kyein Ni Pyin was real but was not sure for A Nauk Ywe and Sin Tet Maw.
- Gravel footpaths are needed in Kyein Ni Pyin camp. The Minister had received estimate for (7000) feet of footpath. RSG is advocating for Agencies to implement that footpath project. If none, RSG would be constrained to do that.

Kyawtaw, Minbya, Mrauk U and Rathedaung update

- The Minister met with Qatar Foundation to construct (22) shelters in Minbya, 2 in Mrauk U, 14 in Kyauktaw and 12 in Rathedaung townships. Construction companies were already selected and contacts will be made in two or three days. Due to its limited budget, RSG requested Qatar Foundation to consider taking over the funding/construction of (9) shelters Kyein Ni Pyin camp.
- UNHCR teams and DFID staff went to Mrauk U and Min Byar on 13 & 14 September to affected villages and share findings to the minister and MRCS about Qty-Gap and Quality of temporary shelters and infrastructures needs in sites. Teams met with District Commissioner of MRU to discuss progress and challenges of recovery plans as well.
- UNHCR teams found in Yai Thel village has received (46 long houses) for Muslim IDPs but according to conversion with IDPs and finding quality of long houses were not good and not enough rooms for big size families as some IDPs are not staying in those and still living in tents. The teams visited and provided NFI kits to Rakhine IDPs from Yai Thel relocate in The Kyar village with (4) long houses. In Ywamani Mramagyi IDP from a ward of MRU town has received (1 long house) but entrance lane to long house is needed to improve.
- UNHCR teams found in Tha Dar village of MBR received (14) long houses for Muslim IDPs but according to conversion with IDPs that there was not enough rooms for big size families and some of IDPs yet to receive shelter assistance as some IDPs are still living in tents. In Pike Thay also has received (2) long houses but IDPs said there was shelter need for some IDPs and some were still living in tents.
- UNHCR team suggested MRCS to review long houses need by Muslim IDPs of Rathedaung Township for details and also quality of long houses in MRU and MBR affected villages.
- MRCS had concerns for quality issues. They will inspect the project stage by stage to correct the discrepancies from specification if they found them during inspection and detailed discussion will be made selected contractors before the contracts.

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